

Annual Operating Instructions

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This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Dwight Dannelly	White	49	Cow/calf	6/01 – 10/15	49	Cow/calf	6/1 – 10/15
Fenton Bowler	Yellow	156	Cow/calf	6/01 – 10/15	156	Cow/calf	6/1 – 10/15
Bob & Mary Houston	Green	168	Cow/calf	6/01 – 10/15	168	Cow/calf	6/1 – 10/15
Chuck Hulet	Purple	82	Cow/calf	6/01 – 10/15	82	Cow/calf	6/1 – 10/15
Slade R. Hughes	Orange	331	Cow/calf	6/01 – 10/15	331	Cow/calf	6/1 – 10/15
*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit.							
**Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.							

Non-use: Dwight Dannelly took total non-use in 2008, 2009 and beginning in 2010 for personal convenience. Dwight did stock 49 cattle from 6/20 – 10/15 in 2010.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)		Tentative Dates*
Mahogany Bench		Rest - graze if cheatgrass comes on
Four Mile Bench	378	6/01 – 7/23
Black Bench	378	6/21 – 7/23
Grass Valley	30	6/15 – 10/1
Mountain	756	7/24 – 9/08
Mountain	556	9/08 – 10/15
Pine Valley	100	9/08 – 10/15
Water Canyon	100	9/08 – 10/15

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above. If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves require prior approval by the District Ranger.

Type of rotation: Deferred rest rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Previous year's grazing results: The livestock herder was not hired, but permittees made assignments for someone to ride in the Mountain Pasture Monday through Friday in 2010. The Mountain Unit needs a full time rider 7 days a week in 2011. Trich testing for bulls was discussed and to be completed by April 30.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: Fenton Bowler, Slade Hughes and Bob Houston were issued NONC on December 8, 2010 for "failure to remove livestock at end of season"

Additional instructions: Cow tag numbers will be provided to the Forest Service by June 20, 2011. All livestock will be removed from National Forest by 10/15.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria						
Vegetation Type		Very Early	Early	Mid	Late	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6"	6"	4"	4"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas		6"	6"	6"	6"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Hydric species in wet meadows not influenced by streams (i.e. rushes & sedges)		6"	6"	4"	4"	Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.
Non-hydric species in riparian areas (i.e. Kentucky bluegrass)		2"			Stubble height remaining at end of growing season.	
Upland species		50%			Varying in specific unit from 40-60%.	
Wheatgrass seedings		60%			Management option to exceed 60% to maintain healthy seedings.	
Riparian browse		<50%			New leader production.	
Streambank alteration		<20%			Sloughing, trampling, dislodged stones, & animal tracks.	
Goshawk nest areas & post-fledging family areas (PFAs)	Grass & forbs	<20%			Average <20% by weight and not exceed 40% in any given area.	
	Shrubs	<40%			Average <40% by weight and not exceed 50% in any given area.	

The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule. You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: None

BILLING

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the allotment, even in the event of non-use. Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/resources/rangemgt.shtml> . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season:

- 2010 was as follows:
 - Rebuild the fence on the north side of Grass Valley and west side of Grass Valley. (Canceled plans to complete).
 - Fill in wallowed out area at First Water trough. (Canceled plans to complete).
 - The Pine Valley/East Pinto Allotment boundary fence will be rebuilt by the end of the 2011 grazing season or before.
 - Permittee's request authorization to use ATV's to scatter salt, move cows and fix fence.
 - Forest Service will pack 5 foot gate to drift fence below Commanche Cabin.(Completed)
 - Replace trough in Little Grassy below dirt tank (Move to 2011).
- 2011 as follows:
 - Forest Service did pack 3000 pounds of salt to White Rocks in May and packed the 5 foot gate to drift fence below Commanche Cabin in 2010.
 - Permittees are authorized to use ATV's to access and re- build the Pine Valley/East Pinto Allotment boundary fence which will be completed in 2011.
 - Work day planned in late April for Wide Hollow springs and will be functional by May 15, 2011 or cattle will not enter the Pine Valley allotment.
 - Sheep Pens trough and pipeline replacement schedule for July 7-8, 2011.
 - Grassy Flat Creek trough replacement scheduled for June 17, 2011.

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide except for personal use of insect repellent.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: Forest Service must rebuild fence on southwest corner of Pine Valley Recreation Area to keep cattle out of the Recreation Area as this fence maintenance is assigned to the Forest Service.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

You are required to submit actual use information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within 30 days of removal of livestock from the Forest.

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Dixie National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie/resources/rangemgt.shtml>).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least ¼ mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots, which have evidence of frequent use.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.

Additional instructions: Pine Valley permittees do not want their cattle in the Pine Valley Recreation Area at any time and request that the Forest Service maintain their fences to keep cattle from entering the Pine Valley Recreation Area. The permittees will continue this year to respond to calls of cattle in

the Pine Valley Recreation Area and try to get them out. Range NEPA is scheduled for Pine Valley allotment in 2013